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SUBJECT: ABRASIMOV COMMENTS ON DEMONSTRATION BY
SILESIAN REFUGEES AND REUNIFICATION OF
GERMANY

1. FOR THE RECORD WE FEEL IT USEFUL TO NOTE THAT
DURING LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL MAY 30
AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR SUBJECT OF
RECENT RALLY IN FRG BY LARGE REFUGEE GROUP FROM
SILESIA. ABRASIMOV WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF RALLY, WHICH
HE CLAIMED WAS ATTENDED BY UPWARDS TO 100,000 PEOPLE,
AND ON TWO OCCASIONS DURING AND AFTER LUNCH EXPRESSED
VIEW THAT NEITHER FRG NOR US GOVERNMENT SHOULD SUPPORT
THIS OR SIMILAR REFUGEE GROUPS, WHOSE MAJOR AIMS WERE
"REVANCHIST" IN CHARACTER. GERMANY, HE DECLARED,
WAS DIVIDED, AND THAT WAS THAT. ANY THOUGHT THAT IT
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MAY SOME DAY BE REUNITED WAS A PIPE DREAM, AND
EVERYONE WOULD DO WELL TO ACCEPT THAT REALITY.

2. IN RESPONSE AMBASSADOR STOESSEL NOTED THAT HE HAD
NOT BEEN INFORMED ON DETAILS ABOUT THE RALLY OF THE
FORMER SILESIAANS, BUT HE WAS SURE THEIR INTERESTS IN
THEIR FORMER HOMELAND WERE ENTIRELY LEGITIMATE.

CERTAINLY MEMBERS OF THIS AND SIMILAR REFUGEE GROUPS HAD A COMPLETE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS OPENLY. IN ANY CASE, THE AMBASSADOR ADDED, HE FELT ANY SUGGESTIONS MADE BY SILESIAANS OR ANY SIMILAR GROUPS THAT THEIR FORMER HOMELANDS BE RETURNED TO GERMANY WAS MEANT TO BE TAKEN WITHIN CONTEXT OF PERMISSIBLE PEACEFUL CHANGES OF BORDERS AS RECOGNIZED IN THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT. AMBASSADOR STOESSEL WENT ON TO POINT OUT TO ABRASIMOV THAT THE SUBJECT OF REUNIFICATION WAS AN EMOTIONAL MATTER OF GREAT POLITICAL AND HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WITH WHOM HE HAD HAD CONTACT. AT THE SAME TIME, AMBASSADOR OBSERVED, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THERE ARE TWO GERMAN STATES AND HE NOTED THAT THEY GET ALONG TOGETHER AFTER THEIR FASHION. THEY HAVE THEIR OWN AGREEMENTS, AND THEY HAVE CONTACTS. WHAT THE FUTURE MAY BRING, NO ONE CAN FORESEE. FOR NOW, HOWEVER, IT WAS NATURALLY IMPORTANT THAT THEY WORK TO DEVELOP BETTER RELATIONS.

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